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1. WASHINGTON POST:

-- JACK FOISIE OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTS FROM SALISBURY ON THE MORALE OF BLACKS IN THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES. BLACKS ALREADY MAKE UP ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THE REGULARS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE. RHODESIA HAS ABOUT 10,000 BLACK AND WHITE MEN UNDER ARMS, BACKED BY MOSTLY WHITE RESERVISTS SERVING PART-TIME. ALL RHODESIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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WHITES AGED 17-25 ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE AT LEAST 18 MONTHS.

ALL BLACK SOLDIERS ARE VOLUNTEERS. THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT, DECLARING THEY ARE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE LOYALTY OF BLACKS, ARE PLANNING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER IN UNIFORM.

-- THE POST REPORTS ON A THIRD DAY OF UNREST IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOWNSHIP OF GUGULETU. THE RENEWAL OF VIOLENCE ENDED A TWO MONTH LULL IN SOUTH AFRICAN RACIAL VIOLENCE. ON TUESDAY THE GA ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ACCUSING THE U.S., U.K., FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, ISRAEL AND JAPAN OF COLLABORATING WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN "RACIST REGIMES". THE VOTE WAS 97 TO 11, WITH 28 ABSTENTIONS.

2. NEW YORK TIMES:

-- THE TIMES REPORTS THAT AT THE GENEVA TALKS YESTERDAY, EACH SIDE REJECTED THE OTHER'S PROPOSAL. ALTHOUGH MR. VAN DER BYL SAID THAT "NOTHING WAS ACHIEVED," IVOR RICHARD CALLED THE MEETING "USEFUL" INASMUCH AS IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE FIVE DELEGATIONS HAD MET TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

-- JOHN BURNS REPORTS FROM MAPUTO THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMY IS IN A DECLINE. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE PORTUGUESE WENT MOST OF THE EXPERTS WHO RAN THE COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, THE ECONOMY, THOUGH SAGGING BADLY, HAS NOT COLLAPSED. AUTHORITY IS ARBITRARY BUT THERE IS LITTLE SIGN OF FEAR AMONG THE PEOPLE. FOR ALL THE PROBLEMS OF DAILY LIFE, THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS POPULAR.

-- KATHLEEN TELTSCH REPORTS FROM THE U.N. ON THE ADMISSION OF ANGOLA AS THE 146TH MEMBER OF THE U.N. THE TIMES PROVIDES A SHORT COLUMN ON SOME FACTS AND STATISTICS ON ANGOLA.

-- AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT THREE MINISTERS WERE ADDED TO THE CABINET IN ANGOLA. THEY ARE: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PEDRO DE CASTRO VON DUNEMM, LABOR MINISTER NOE SAUDE, AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER JOAO LUIS NETO.

-- TIMES CARRIES A REUTERS' REPORT ON THE THIRD DAY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOLENCE IN CAPE TOWN'S TOWNSHIP OF GUGULETU DURING WHICH 2 BLACKS WERE KILLED BY THE POLICE.

-- ACCORDING TO A REUTER'S STORY, RHODESIA'S APPEAL COURT UPHELD DEATH SENTENCES FOR SEVEN BLACK GUERRILLAS WHO ADMITTED THEY HAD TAKEN PART IN BOMB ATTACKS ON A SALISBURY NIGHT CLUB AND RESTAURANT.

3. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

-- GEOFFREY GODSELL, THE MONITOR OVERSEAS NEWS EDITOR, BY-LINES A FRONT PAGE ANALYSIS OF THE GENEVA TALKS. HE OUTLINES THE POSITIONS OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE TALKS AND CONCLUDES THE PIECE WITH A QUOTE FROM EDWARD ROWLANDS "I DON'T THINK THE DELEGATES WILL FIND BRITAIN UNWILLING TO GRASP WHATEVER NETTLES NEED TO BE GRASPED TO ACHIEVE TRANSITION."

4. THE BALTIMORE SUN:

-- FREDERIC B. HILL OF THE SUN'S PARIS BUREAU FILES AN ANALYSIS HEADLINED "RHODESIA SETTLEMENT MAY COME TOO LATE." HE SUGGEST THAT THE BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN BRINGING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT ON A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE. HE RAISES THE QUESTION WHETHER THE NATIONALISTS MAY BE DELIBERATELY STALLING DURING A PERIOD OF MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MOBILIZATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY BE A REASSESSMENT GOING ON ABOUT THE NEED FOR "OUTSIDE FORCES". HE CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS SOME SMALL CONSOLATION THAT THE PARTIES ARE STILL TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER BUT WORRIES THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MAY BE TOO LATE.

-- AP REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADMITTED ANGOLA TO UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP YESTERDAY BY A VOTE OF 116 TO 0. KISSINGER

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